

# The Ohio Youth Institute: Finding the Next Norm

## Purpose

The Ohio Youth Institute is the outreach program of the World Food Prize, sponsored by OSU's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Norman Borlaug, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, began the program to build awareness of global food security issues among youth through a research and writing competition. Participants present their papers and discuss their solutions with experts. Selected students and their mentors attend the World Food Prize and Global Youth Institute in Iowa.

## Impact

In the past 11 years, more than 400 youth researched and presented their ideas about solving global issues. The OYI introduced them to OSU experts and programs for post-secondary education.

More than 30 students have represented Ohio at the World Food Prize and Global Youth Institute, learning from and meeting with world leaders and policy experts.

Ohio Youth Institute participants have been selected for national USDA internships and international internships, increasing the status of OSU and introducing youth to career opportunities.

### Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

4-H Youth Development  
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences  
John Glenn College of Public Affairs  
Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership  
Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics  
Animal Sciences  
Entomology  
Food Science and Technology  
Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering  
Horticulture and Crop Science  
Plant Pathology  
School of Environment and Natural Resources  
OSU Extension  
OSU Peace Corps  
International Programs in Agriculture

### Community Partners Involved

Farm Credit Mid-America  
Mid-Ohio Foodbank  
Columbus Council on World Affairs



## How you can get involved:

- Be a mentor to a high school student who needs support researching and writing their paper
- Serve as an expert-reader: read and review student submissions and participate in group discussions with students on the day of the Institute
- Assist in promoting the OYI to students (high school, FFA, etc)

## To get involved, contact:

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